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SUBJECT: SUGIRI NEW MILITARY SECRETARY TO SUHARTO

1. AIR FORCE VICE MARSHALL SUGIRI WAS INSTALLED ON AUGUST 24 AS NEW MILITARY SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT SUAHARTO, REPLACING LT. GEN. TJOKROPRANOLO, NOW ACTING GOVERNOR OF JAKARTA. SUGIRI'S NEW JOB, SECOND IN POWER ON THE PRESIDENT'S STAFF ONLY TO THAT OF STATE SECRETARY (NOW HELD BY LT. GEN. SUDHARMONO), INCLUDES KEEPING TRACK OF THE PRESIDENT'S INVOLVEMENT IN ARMED FORCES AFFAIRS AND MANAGING SUHARTO'S PERSONAL SECURITY. SUGIRI WILL ALSO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ORGANIZING HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN VISITS TO INDONESIA INVOLVING CALLS ON SUHARTO.

2. SUGIRI IS A CAREER MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WHOSE LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS AS ASSISTANT FOR SECURITY IN THE AIR FORCE, THAT SERVICE'S TOP INTELLIGENCE JOB. HE IS ALSO REPUTEDLY INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING AN EXCELLENT BUSINESSMAN.

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3. SUGIRI'S APPOINTMENT CAME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE, SINCE HE IS FROM THE AIR FORCE RATHER THAN THE ARMY. ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, HE IS RELATED TO THE SUHARTO FAMILY THROUGH HIS WIFE, WHICH COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE OBVIOUS TRUST THE PRESIDENT PLACES IN HIM. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE SERVED DIRECTLY UNDER SUHARTO BEFORE.

4. SUGIRI, A SOPHISTICATED, WELL-TRAVELLED JAVANESE, IS MARRIED AND HAS FIVE CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND HAS BEEN ACCESSIBLE AND FRIENDLY TOWARD OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY'S DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE. RIVES

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